(b) if so, in what manner the difference will be made between duty paid and smuggled goods;

(c) whether there are any regulations on the possession and transportation and sale purchase of imported goods before liberalisation;

(d) if so, on what consideration these have been removed; and

(e) in what manner smuggling will be checked after liberalisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The smuggled nature of the goods would have to be established by way of investigation and suitable evidence.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The regulations have been removed by way of denotifying goods under Chapter IV(A) so that the trade will no longer be burdened with the system of documentation provided under this Chapter.

(e) Liberalisation of Baggage concessions and other measures would curb the smuggling' activities. However, anti-smuggling efforts in Ports, airports and marine and land borders have also been intensified.

Appointment of Chief Liaison Officer for SC/ST in GIC

1662. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the effective implementation of reservation policy GIC appointed an officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government of India as per Government's directive as Chief Liaison Officer for SC/ST at GIC HO Bombay;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint such Government Official who can advise GIC management for the effective implementation of Reservation policy/Government guidelines issued from time to time without any interference by top level bosses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) GIC has appointed an Assistant General Manager, which is a Board level selection as the Chief Liaison Officer for the General Insurance Industry for effective implementation of Reservation policy/Government guidelines on the welfare of SCs/STs.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Soyabean Oil Gift to India

1663. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US has gifted 25 million dollars crude degummed soyabean oil to India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even after two months of the receipt of the oil, STC has not been able to dispose of the commodity in the market;

(c) what are the reasons that the oil was not marketed immediately after arrival at prices higher than the current levels; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the realisation of lower prices would consequently lead to lower contribution to National Renewal Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) In August/September, 1992 about